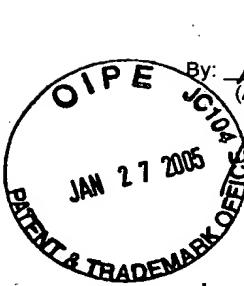


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Filed: August 20, 2001) Examiner: Patrick H. Mackey
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WISE FORMATION OF FEATURES)

LETTER ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION

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Sir:

In addition to the Request for Continued Examination and entry of the Amendment previously filed on November 29, 2004, please consider the following:

REMARKS

The claim status included with the Advisory Action dated December 7, 2004 is not correct. The correct status, as indicated in the Official Action dated August 27, 2004, is:

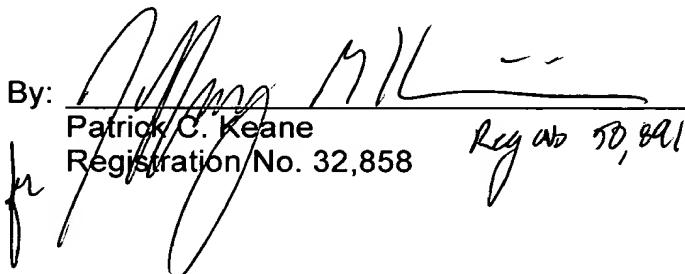
- Claims 2-6, 8-18, 30, 31 and 33 allowed.
- Claims 20, 21, 24, 25, 28, 29, 32, 34, 35, 37 and 38 rejected.
- Claim 36 objected.
- Claims 22, 23, 26 and 27 withdrawn.

Respectfully submitted,

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